

X A Preliminary Amendment is below:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please amend the application as follows:

Page 1, before the first sentence, please insert:

**--RELATED APPLICATIONS**

H1  
This application is divisional of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/521,700, filed March 9, 2000, which in turn is a Divisional of application serial no. 08/594,164, filed January 31, 1996, now U.S. Patent No. 6,090,625.--

In the blank line at page 1, line 2, please insert the following:

**--FIELD OF THE INVENTION--**

In the blank line at page 1, line 17, please insert the following:

**--BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION--**

In the blank line at page 6, line 17, please insert the following:

**--SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--**

On page 6 at the end of line 29, please delete the second occurrence of "provided a".

A2  
On page 12, line 27, after the period (".") please add "As used herein, the acronym "CFC" refers to colony forming cells.--

On page 18, after line 5, please insert **--BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE FIGURES--**.

On page 38, line 21, please delete "PICTUES" and substitute therefor **--PICTURES--**.

H3  
On page 38, line 26, after "B cells" please insert the words **--stained with Wright's Stain.--**

A4  
On page 39, line 4, after "B cells" please insert **--stained with Wright's Stain.--**

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Without prejudice, without admission, without surrender of subject matter, and without any intention of creating any estoppel as to equivalents, please cancel claims 1 to 46 and substitute therefor the following claims: